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Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether there is any proposal to constitute these Commissioners into a separate cadre under the Government? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Yes, Sir; ultimately the Government propose to constitute a separate cadre."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—" There are certain municipalities which are not included in the schedule to the amending Bill. May I know what are the reasons which prompted the Government to appoint Revenue Officers to some municipalities only? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Reasons were given whenever an appointment of Commissioner was made to any municipality."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know why the Government have not appointed any Commissioner for the Guntur Municipality? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" There are 86 municipalities and we have made appointments of Commissioners only to 17 of them. I cannot give reasons why Commissioners have not been appointed to others."

Decision of the Madras High Court regarding the removal of veil by gosha ladies at the time of exercising their franchise.

* 352 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has read the judgment of the hon. the Officiating Chief Justice in the Tinnevelly election case in which the point whether a candidate had a right to insist upon the removal of the veil by the gosha ladies was commented upon;

(*b*) whether the Government have ascertained the views of the leading Muslims in Madras and elsewhere as to how far the law as laid down in that case is in accordance with Muhammadan sentiment; and

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to take in order to afford facilities to gosha ladies to exercise their franchise without having the necessity of removing their veils?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) There is a proposal before the Government to amend suitably the rules for the election of members of municipal councils and local boards.

Economic Condition

Enquiry, if any, into the economic condition of the ryots.

* 353 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have made any enquiry regarding the present economic condition of the ryots in this province; and